VII. *Part of a Letter written by* Roelof Diodati, *Supream Director of the Council of* Mauricius; *to Mr.* Witſen, *Burger-Maſter of* Amſterdam, *and F. R. S. Dated* Auguſt 8. 1697. *Concerning an extraordinary Inundation in that Iſland.*

WE cannot but give your Worſhip notice, that on the 22th of *March* laſt, at half an Hour after Twelve a Clock, being Calm but a litte Rainy Weather, the River which paſſeth by the plain Ground of *Noordwyck*, did, in the ſpace of a quarter of an Hour, ſwell to that Height, that the Sugar-Mill, the Sugar-Work, and almoſt all the ſaid Ground was thereby ruin'd, the moſt part of the Sugar-Canes being rooted or torn out of the Ground by the Violence of the Torrent. We cannot imagine whence ſo ſuddain a Swelling of this River has been cauſed, while the Rain not being very hard, could not be of that effect, for in ſuch Caſe it ſhould have continued longer; for about Twelve a Clock, when the Company's Servants aſſembled for their Dinner, the Water of the River was at its ordinary Height, and before they had half dined all the Country was overflown by the Water, *viz.* One Foot higher than Two Years ago, by reaſon of the Hurricane, when we had ſo violent a Storm as ever was heard of. It is very remarkable, that at One a Clock all the Extraordinary Water was gone, and the River again at his ordinary Heighth. There has been no Earthquake that could cauſe it, neither was there any ſuch thing in other Rivers, but only in this paſſing by the plain Ground of *Noordwyck*.

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